

Feb. 15, 1939

To Cambridge and The
Blackwater Refuge, Md.

Took bus to Annapolis,
crossed on Motopick ferry
and was met on east side
by John Hammond.

The Animal Trapline.

Drove to Cambridge to
the Cambridge Hotel.
Then went on and set
12 killer traps while
John set 12 steel traps
for muskrats.

Rained hard all of
PM and while we set
traps. Went in over
our rubber boots many
times and got back to
hotel after dark, cold
and wet.

Feb. 14,

Chased off and froze
in night but we
each caught one
muskrat and I caught
one large Microtus
both killed instantly.

Reset traps after
this ice thawed but
it began freezing
again before dark.

Saw lots of birds
but did not have time
to watch them.

Cambridge and Backwater
region, Maryland,
Feb. 16, & 17,

Herring Gulls, common
over water and 6 seen
in plowed wheatfield near
house, feeding on something
probably anguiform

Ring-billed Gulls, Feb. 16,
100 or more seen feeding
in winter wheat field
near Easton, probably
on anguiforms, in rain.
Turkey Buzzards

Common everywhere.
Red-tailed Hawk, one seen
on muskrat marsh.

Sharp-shinned Hawk, 3 seen
Red-shouldered Hawk, 1 seen
Sparrowhawk 1 seen.

Marsh hawk 1

Downy woodpecker 2

Crows abu.

Redwing blackbirds, com.

Meadowlarks 100

Robins 50

Bluebirds 10

Yellow rump Warblers 100

Caroline Chickadees com.

Brownheaded Nuthatch, 3

Song sparrows abu.

other sparrows "

Washington D.C.

April 11, 1939

Left Washington 3:30 PM
on Bus for Winchester &
caught 5 PM Bus on
Matheake Ferry for Cambridge,
Maryland. Arrived at 7:20
PM. Stopped at Cambridge
Hotel, went to see Dr.
Dozier at 203 Oakley St.
Planned trip to Muskrat
Station on Blackwater
Refuge.

Nice warm day, fields green,
lots of flowers,
Peach & pear trees,
Red bud & Amelanchier
in blossom.

Blackwater Marshes

April 12, 1939

Drove down to Fies farm in morning with Dr. Bogier.

Took movies of the 10000 acre muskrat marshes from 100 foot first tower and of muskrat houses on ground.

Canada geese and mallard ducks nesting. No young muskrats in pens yet.

A few muskrats in pens kill and eat bullheads, most of them do not.

A family of 4 young Coyotes are gentle and interesting. The nipples of the mother are halfway up her sides.

Clear and pleasant all day

Windy toward night

Took 5:35 bus home
at Cambridge & got
home 9 PM

Turned cold

April 21, 1939

Washington, D.C.

Sciurus carolinensis

Three Gray Squirrels seen in top of Red elm getting a good breakfast on full grown elm seeds nice and plump & meaty.

The American Elm will not be edible for a week or two.

On April 17 saw two young squirrels eating maple seeds in top of trees on Conn. Ave. above Fla. Ave. and on April 20 saw where maple seeds had been cut off below Rehill house in 300.

V.B.

Washington D.C.,
April 22, 1939

Started for Grand Canyon
at 4:15 P.M. B & O. To meet
the Wendell Chapmans and
Williams.

Warm and lovely with
grasses and flowers, green
leaves and blue sky on
all sides and many white
ships sailing through the
blue, a perfect spring
day.

In Washington leaves half grown on
Maple, Tulip trees, hickories and buckeyes.
Double Japanese cherries in full
bloom, lilacs, and red bud out.

Elms green with nearly ripe seeds.

Squirrels eating red elm seeds
and maple seeds of early kinds.

Harpur Ferry + beyond
Red fruit, plums, cherries
+ pears in profusion.

Apple blossoms just
opening on a few orchards.

Woods mostly brown
Willows getting green

In the fast hills of the
Cumberland country
peaches, plums and nectarines
are in full bloom.

A glorious golden
sunset in the mountain
dark at Cumberland

A comfortable night on
Ry + O. Train, Shamondah,
with a 15¢ pillow and well
cushioned seat.

April 23

Arrived Chicago 8:30 AM.
and left on Santa Fe train
Grand Canyon Limited at 10

April 24

Wellington, Kansas, 6th

Edge of Lower Seward zone.
Winter wheat a foot high.

Good crops

Casson, Oklahoma

Blown to pieces by a cyclone
about 3 weeks ago
Jackrabbits down.

Cimmeron River, Oklahoma

Mesquite abn. small leaves

Tamarisk in blossom

Asteriscus filifolia, abn.

Yucca angustifolia "

Opuntia "

• Woodward, Oklahoma

Lower Tertiary zone
good crops

• Canadian River valley
dry - sandy & air full of dust.
Canadian

• Amarillo - top of Llano, all
wheat and grass to the sky
all sand.
Much wheat and plowed land
to Herford and Clovis.

• Clovis to Ft. Sumner
all cattle, no farming
except by irrigation below
Ft. Sumner
up long slope west of
Pecos River.

Pecos River to Vaughn

all short grass & yuccas,
no fences. Good stock country

Dark near Mountain

Went to sleep at Belen.

April 25

Woke up at Winslow

Flagstaff at 4:05 AM

Williams 5:30 AM

No Chapmans!

Waited all day & all
night

April 26 -

Chapmans came in

At 9 AM, from Los Angeles

Had stopped to photograph

Deallies on the way

Drove to Grand Canyon.

Went to Dr. Bryant
in evening with Edwin
McKee and Barbara
and got to bed late.
The Chapmans took
color photos of deer
and tried to get about
squirrels but they were
too wild.

April 27 Grand Canyon

Packed up and got started for Horseshoe Valley about 10 AM

Took pictures on the way, mainly of trailer and 'Lucy + Wanda' against Canyon and Vermilion Cliffs. Slowed as up so we did not reach Parkers ranch in Horseshoe valley till almost dark. Camped and set a few tin can traps. Painted Desert and Horseshoe valley carpeted with young green Russian Thistle - some flowers. Camped at Parker Ranch

April 28. Houserock Valley
Parker Ranch to Kane.

and 16 miles south of there to
South Canyon.

Saw William Crosby
and Bob Vaughn at
Kane and learned much
about the country.

Crosby showed us the
flat topped plateau, or mesa,
across Marble Canyon
called Shinarump Altar on
the map and said that
was where Major Powell
had his conference with
the Navahos.

April 29 South Canyon

Wendell and I went up South Canyon as far as the old forestry road was passable and nearly to the spring at head of Canyon where the water is piped down to the ranger station, 3 or 4 miles, up in where the trees are aspens.

Went over the Copeau saddle through a valley of big yellow pines where watering places are provided for cattle and along the pipeline.

Found a 3 or 4 days old lion track in road a quarter of a mile above the ranger station. Set a lion trap there and 3 coyote traps on the way up.

April 30 South Canyon

- Wendell explored the Saddle Country, 5 miles south of Camp and I circled two Coxcombs, coming down the next good canyon north of Camp. Went over nearly to head canyons of North Fork Canyon.

No water but plenty of lion tracks in Canyon. Also

- Cliff house, or storage house, in canyon and ruins of a large very old pueblo on top of ridge a mile NW of Camp. Barbed wire fence runs through it.

- Low ridges of silted rocks in squares and gravel stream with shards and arrow flakes.

Wendell returned from
The Saddle under Pt. Imperial
reporting many fresh and old
lion trucks! but a hard
10 mile hike and considerable
shrubbery.

May 1. At Fallon

Lots of water, ditches
and river full, ponds
and sloughs well filled.
and breeding ducks and
water birds abundant.

Many young ducks and
coots, eggs in nests
of Coots.

Quail and Chukkers and
Pheasants - dove, numerous
Jack rabbits, cottontails
Citellus & kangaroo rats
abundant.

Crops good
Pine trees bad.

May 2 Left Hogen 4:25 AM.

Luxuriant green with
mostly *Freeseobatus* remaining
ditches and ponds full,
Touchbacks.

Winnemucca, Meadows green

Elko, Much snow on Mts.

Wells, Sagebrush gray green.

Salt Lake

Ogden 7 PM

May 1, South Canyon

Explored the canyon
I came down yesterday
and back of the Coheams
and back down South Canyon
Found plenty of old but no
fresh lion tracks, so did
not set any traps.

The lions have evidently
gone higher up for water
near the Kaibab rim as
the deer are also plentiful
up there.

May 2, To Saddle Canyon

Wendell & I took back
packs of traps and my
light sleeping bag, just a
thin blanket and tarpaulin bag,
and his tarpaulin pup tent
and followed horse trail
south to rim of Saddle
Canyon. Then with traps
and bait went into Saddle
Canyon and up the long
ridge to the saddle, a
long rough climb to
7400 feet but found
plenty of old and fresh
lion tracks going in all
directions but visiting

the water holes in
Canyon bottoms up to
the snow banks!

The Canyon is full of
big yellow pines with
nut pine and juniper on
hot slopes to the saddle
and Douglas spruce and
white fir in gulches above.
From the saddle we had
a fine view down into
Marble Canyon and up
the mouth of the Little Colorado
but there is no easy
way down, tho it seems
quite possible.

Set 4 live traps near
the head of Saddle Canyon.

Brought back a gallon
can of water to rim of
Saddle Canyon where
I staid and Wendell
returned to camp at the
Jacks after dark.

Pretty tired and
crawled into my
sleeping bag as soon
as I had some
supper.

May 3 Saddle Canyon

Wendell came up early with four more lion traps and we set two at lion watering holes in bottom of Saddle Canyon and two were near head of Canyon on trails used by lions. Many lion tracks, a few fresh. Wendell saw one fresh track on trail coming up a little below my camp and there are others in the bottom of the canyon half a mile down, and 500 feet below camp.

Am getting pretty sore and
tame but Wendell does
all the heavy packing
and I am standing it
surprisingly well.

Am camped on a high
open ridge with
glorious view into Marble
Canyon and out over
the ~~west~~ Navaho country
to Navaho Mountain that
rounds up in blue smoke
before me as I write
sitting on a stone under a
spreading juniper or
look back to The Saddle
Point Imperial thought of
the whole East valley the Kaibab

Came back east of the Saddle
along the bench under
Saddle Mountain, a little
nearer but rougher and
more brushy than down
the middle ridge.

Yellow pines came down on
cold slopes to bottom of canyon
opposite our camp, also
 Gambel's Oak, also along
north slope of Saddle Mtn.
Snow banks in NE gulches
on Saddle Mtn. and along
East Rim of Kaibab.

May 4 South Canyon

Wendell came up to my
camp late because he

tried to bring the auto
and got stuck but we
made the round of 8 lion
traps and got back to
camp at 3 P.M.

Nothing came near them
but we saw one or two
fresh tracks.

It is about a mile to
the first two traps
and two miles to the last

about 600 feet
but we go down into
a steep canyon, then
up a long, stony slope
about 1000 feet to the
head of Saddle Canyon.
It is a hard trip and
makes my muscles sore
and ~~lame~~ and is
hard on my lat.
Wendell stands it better
and carries most of
the load, up & back.
Yesterday we saw some
rocks snake down near
the bottom of Saddle Canyon
like abysses & yellow.

May 5, Saddle Canyon

They came up with Wendell and we waited till he signalled no lion, then we met him at lower pools and they went back to Southfork camp while I staid and set the last lion traps, 9 in all.

Found fresh tracks but none came near our traps.

Had my first easy day, not going round of all the traps.

Very windy all night & day.
Clear & warm and dry.

May 6 Saddle Canyon

Went round of traps
early but caught only
a deer and he got away.

Returned to ^{car} ~~trailer~~ with

Chapman and went
to Jacob's Lake, formal

and Kanab for supplies
and bait. Got beef

and sheep bones to
bait traps with.

and went for scrapel.

Drove 140 miles in

afternoon and got back

at midnight. Staid
at Trails Camp and
Came up to traps next
morning.

May 7

Drove from Trails Camp
about 7 miles around to
get within a mile of my
Saddle Canyon Camp
and brought 4 or 5 days
supplies for all of us.

Wendell and I went
round of Lion traps but
got nothing. Baited them
with beef.
~~Set out~~

May 8, Saddle Canyon

Went to traps and found *Lynx baileyi* in one on saddle. Leg badly hurt by heavy lion trap but not broken and when released from sack ~~he~~ he ran off limping. Wendell took a lot of pictures of it.

Baited the traps with mutton scraps

A gorgeous sunrise over the Marble Canyon, Vermilion Cliffs and Painted Desert from my tent doors.

May 9, Wendell went

- up to traps in morning
- and will signal back if
- there is a lion or anything
- to photograph and we will
- go up with more cameras
- and films. If nothing
- he will come back and I
- will go in evening and
- bait them up again.

A beautiful morning
and glorious sunrise

My camp is on north
rim of Saddle Canyon at
about lower edge of Transition
Zone on open east slope where
 Gambel oak & Junipers meet.

We see Imperial Point through
the saddle to the south,
down into Marble Canyon
to the east and Navaho
Mountain flanked by all
the Vermilion Cliffs.

Keiskezia and *Artemisia*
tridentata are all around
us, the former full of very
fragrant creamy flowers.

May 10, Up Saddle Mountain

Started up Saddle Mountain at 7 AM and reached the summit at 12 noon, altitude

Crossed Saddle Canyon

and then climbed steadily but slowly, looking for tracks and signs of lions.

Found one fresh lion track and a last winters kill of a very large old buck with huge antlers.

Only a ham and part of the other had been eaten.

Lots of deer tracks, fresh and old, saw only 2 deer.

Found two big snowdrifts
and many small drifts.
Water in pools and running
in upper part of our
canyon. Deer trails to it.

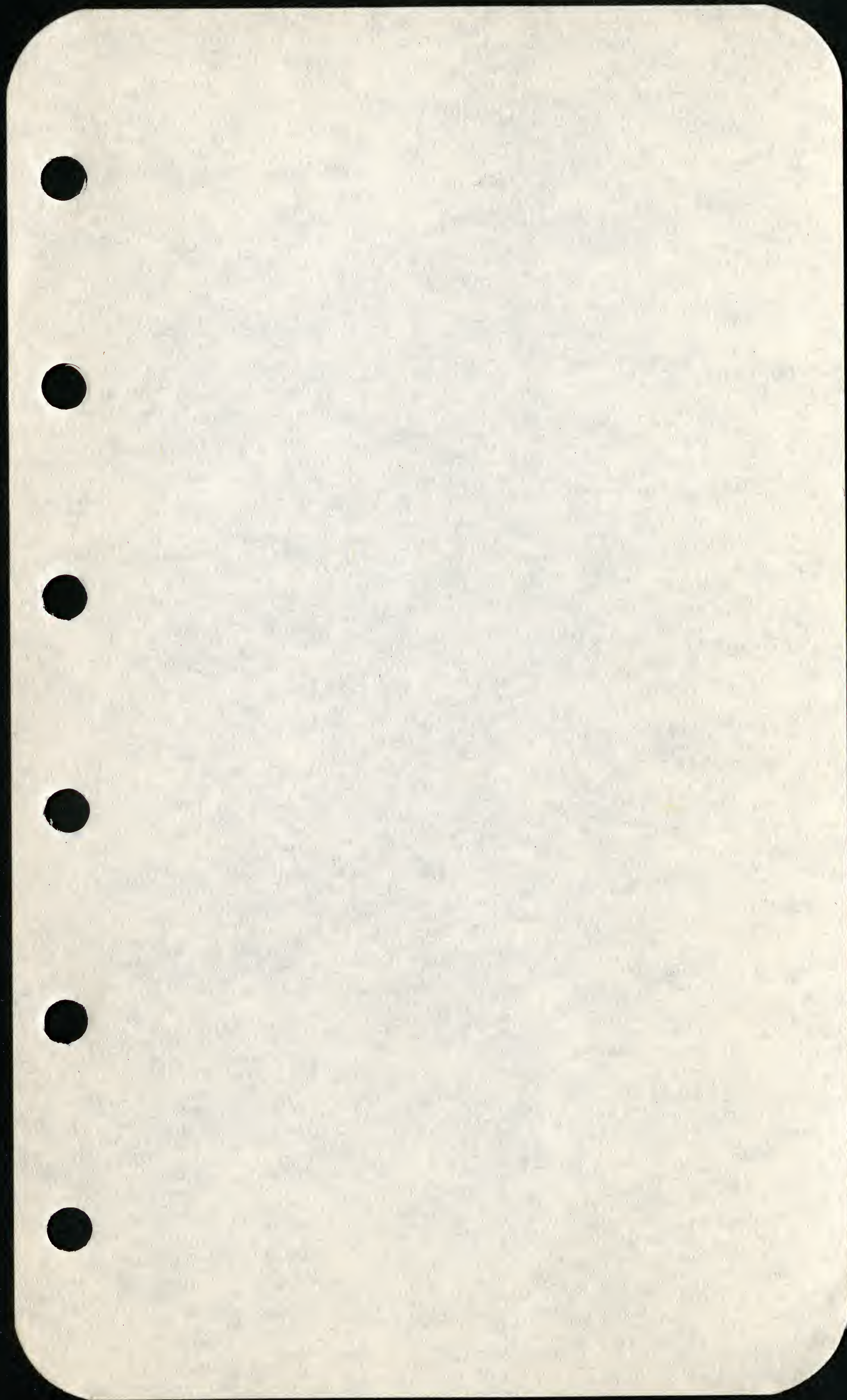
Cottontail rabbits numerous

Thomomys common to top of
Saddle mountain.

Kaibab squirrel cuttings
seen.

One old rock blue grouse
seen in yellow pines high up.
Audubon warblers common
near summit.

A large monument of flat
stones on highest peak,
about 7 feet high and a
board table for mapping.



Got back to camp at 4 P.M.
Tired but not used up.
Glorious view over
Canyon and up Marble
Canyon.

Found a gray fox in
trap below camp and
took movies of it looking
into Marble Canyon.
Put him in sack till
Wendell came back.

May 11 Saddle Canyon.

- Went round of lion traps but found no fresh signs.
- Got back to camp and took photos of gray fox and lion sack camp,
- then packed down to car, about a mile, and came back to trailer.

Washed and shaved for first time in 10 days.
Set a few traps.

May 12 - Trailer Camp to
Jacob's Lake.

Caught a *Perodipus* and a
Peromyscus and took
moving and still pictures of
both - Packed up and left
camp about 1:30.

Saw a few *Cynomys*
coming in blossom later
photographed by ~~fl~~ fl.

Met forest ranger Johnson
and Wm. Crosby at

Kane, Then on to
Jacob's Lake P.O. & got
mail and Camp

May 13, To Bright Angel

Camp in P.M.

Drove down to Ryan

and near to Big Springs
in forenoon and back!

Saw one coyote, a few
deer and cuttings of

numerous Kaibab squirrels

Four Kaibab squirrels
are kept in a cage

around 3 pine trees

which they have killed

and they are poor and
half starved.

Found Park Ranger
Hamilton at Bright
Angel Camp and the
Caretaker Simpson
who has been feeding the
squirrels around his house.
Thousands of snowbanks
over top of plateau and
water in all the lakes
and sink holes. grass
just starting and no
leaves or flowers on the
Aspens except at Jacobs
Lake and Bright Angel

May 14 - Bright Angel Camp

Drove up to Pt. Imperial
and tried to go to the
Saddle but got lost and
Came down to Greenland
Spring and left car and
hiked up long draw to
North boundary of park and
then out to Saddle Point
on fire road and
down to traps in
Saddle Canyon.

Wendell went down to
traps and we waited
with cameras and packs
at top of lowest rim.

He found a large buck deer
in one of lion traps, caught
by front ankle and dead.
It had been in trap
one or two nights, the
foot was slightly swollen
but skin on leg not
broken or cut. He
had got one hind foot
over trap chain and
fallen on side and could
not get up. Had broken
off one antler in velvet
about 10 inches long
and pounded his head

May 15 Bright Angel

Wendell and I took
car up fire road
to Saddle Point by
shovelling out 3 or 4
snow banks and cutting
out 3 or 4 fallen trees.
Went down to traps
and baited all
with meat from dead
deer.

Wendell took up the
three lower traps.

and we set two of
them above lower
and below upper
points on rim.

all outside of Park.

on the rocks and died
of struggles and fright.
Much as a rabbit would.

Wendell set trap near
him and came back
and we all hiked
back up 500 feet to top,
2 miles west along his
road and 3 miles down
a long draw to car,
all in rain and snow,
very wet and cold
when we got back at dark

Soon had a good
fire and supper in
trailer and went to
bed after a hard
day, about 13 hours
long.

May 14 Bright Angel

Wendell and I drove
to point Imperial
and hiked 2 miles
~~across~~ run to
Saddle Point.

Went to two upper
traps and changed
one and set 2 cat
and fox traps along
fire road. Then
hiked back to car
and came home.

May 17, Bright Angel

We all drove to
Saddle Point and
went down to traps
but got nothing.

An easy day and
got home to trails
at 4 P.M.

Saw one porcupine
up a yellow pine
Found coyote and
lion droppings full
of their quills,

May 18 Bright Angel

Went to Chicking Station
and Took fire road to

head of South Canyon
Got stuck and had to walk
last 2 miles. Shoveled
through several snobanks
and cut out a few trees.

All Canadian zone.

Saw 2 deer and a few cattle.

No tracks of anything else.

May 29, Bright Angel

Went to traps in

Saddle Canyon.

Found one bait where we
had taken up the trap

Mostly eaten and covered
up by ~~bobcat~~ ^{bobcat}.
~~mountain lion~~

Signs and scratchings
near by.

A 20 lb. deer ham was
half eaten and the rest
covered with stripes and
trash scratched up
from all round.
Set 2 more traps.

May 20, Bright Angel

Caught only a beaver
in the lion traps.

Wendell photographed
and turned it loose
without any apparent
injury.

Set 6 more small
traps for coyote -
saw some fresh tracks.

May 21 Bright Angel

Caught nothing except
a bobcat that got away.
Went down to saddle point
for the last time.

Had dinner with
^{naturalist}
Ranger, and Mrs. Dwight
Smiley, from Yellowstone,
now stationed at North
Rim, five young people.

May 22, To Jacob Lake.

Took up all of our traps
packed my gear in bag
and am ready to take
bus at Jacob to Flagstaff
in morning at 4:15 PM.

A big coyote got one of my
traps out of snap and

went off with it. Too bad.

Took 50 feet color photos of
Hankowup Canyon as winter
range for deer & some aspens
in young yellow green leaves.
Ranger Hamilton, Bright Angel Camp.

Bright Angel

Saw 21 deer in T meadow.
Cover up an inch high.

May 29 To Flagstaff

- Left Jacob Lake on Phoenix bus at 4:15 AM and reached Flagstaff at 9 AM. Had to wait till 4 PM for train to Los Angeles.
- Very windy and dusty and chilly all day.
- Wrote letters and sent telegrams
- Left Flagstaff at 4 PM.
- Look at Kingman

May 24, to Los Angeles,

Arrived LA at 7 AM

Lutie Keays met me at the
magnificent new Union Station
and took me down to the
Keays place at Southgate
where I spent the day
visiting with Rose and
Ruth, Mable and Arthur,
Ray and Ralph + Vernon
and Iwadel, and all the
rest.

Stayed at Arthur's
all night.

A nice warm day

May 25 Southgate to

San Marcos

Another beautiful morning
in a beautiful world of
flowers and fruit and
sunshine.

Ishie Keays drove down
to San Marcos in PM
and left me with
Henry at our little
house on the sidehill

May 28 - Twin Oaks

Caught a bobcat
in one of my new traps
and took a lot of
photographs of him
in colored movies
and in still pictures.

Left for Oceanside
at 1:30 P.M., to
catch the night
train for Berkeley.

Summer weather
and many flowers
and rich foliage.

May 29, to Berkeley

Arrived San Francisco

8 AM. Oakland 9:17.

Saw Exposition buildings
from ferry.

Zalvey met me at Station.

In PM. Zalvey took
me over to Faddie's
in their lovely home
at Ross and then
to Lagunitas where
Dr Merriam was glad
to see us and I staid
all night.

May 30th, to Berkeley,

Dr Merriam and his man
Peterson brought me
back to Berkeley in
afternoon and Zally
and Joe took me
to the World's Fair
in evening.

May 30, To Tallon.
with Ruth Mills, Sherby's
wife. Drove from
Berkeley over Donner
Pass via Reno.

Stopped and saw Faith
and Phil and Beth
and Flossener in
Reno and reached Anna's
at 5 PM.

Warm and pleasant.
Some snow on Summit

June 3 Laramie to Denver

Daylight near Laramie
Plenty of rain and snow -
Grass tall & green,

Crops good.

Flowers abundant

Stock in good condition.

July - Breakfast
in our seats on special
Coach.

Denver - 9 AM. left 4:35

for Kansas City

Crops good.

June 4, Topeka to

A beautiful morning at Topeka
and on to Kansas City
and St. Louis.

Country green and growing.
Rivers high and full
of trash. Crops good.

Had to wait at
St. Louis from 2 to
11 P.M. Then took
B & O to Cincinnati.
Got a room and slept
about 6 hours at St. Louis.

June 5 - To Lexington, Ky.

Arrived at Cincinnati
8:30 and at Lexington at
10:30. Went to

Lafayette Hotel and

Called up Fleg Furman

Went to university and
helped her put up trap
exhibit.

Have a nice room at
the hotel as guest of

Ms. Shouse, the proprietor.

June 6, Helped on trap
exhibit.

June 7, Lexington, Ky.

Gave 2 lectures on

Fur bearing animals and

traps to U.H. Club

5 leaders,
boys, about 100 in

each group.

used lantern slides

A fine lot of young

people, mostly boys.

June 8 Lexington, Ky.

Talked before the General Assembly of about 1200 4H Club boys and girls, leaders, teachers and university students in Memorial Hall. using moving pictures. one reel of muskrats, raccoons etc.

Then gave 2 talks of 50 minutes each to groups of Boys + leaders on fur animals with lantern slides.

Then at 12:15 gave talk at Rotary Club luncheon, 15 minutes without illustrations.

Visited Sr + Mrs Budram
in their most beautiful
old Colonial home and
went from there to train
at 6:25 for Cincinnati
where I caught 9:48
train on B&O for Wash DC

Rained hard in
~~AM~~ morning and
country fresh and green

June 9. To Washington

Slept well curled up
on comfortable coach seat
and had a good
breakfast at dinner in
back ~~end~~ of car.

Country green and clear
and beautiful over
mountains all the way to Washington.
Arrived 11 AM.

July 15, 1939

Left Washington 7:40 AM
Penn. for Williamsport,
Pa., where we arrived at
1:27 PM. and were met
by Dr. & Mrs. Szilapki
and driven up to Mansfield
A beautiful cool clear day
and the country fresh
and green.

Not many flowers
grain mostly harvested

July 15 - Mansfield, Pa.

Helen and Florence and
Fannie brought me
up to Elmira where
I got a bus to Ithaca,
Syracuse and Albany
a treasure all day
trip with three waits
and late arrival, 9:40

country interesting
and mostly high up.

Big views over well
valleys covered with
old farms, rather dry
and not very heavy crops.

At Albany went
to the Hampton Hotel,
only two blocks from
Bus Terminal and not
far from the new Hewlett
building at 115 Washington
Ave.

July 17, Albany, N.Y.

Went to the Humane
Society office and saw
Mr. Sanderson and the
new prize traps.

The Knapp trap
from Nebraska
is very good and
has the advantage of
being small and compact
for snow and water sets.
It will be very good
but needs better construction
I can improve it in

several respects.

and would like to have
it for our Trap Co.

In afternoon we
drove down to Cobleskill
to see Pete Rickard
who would like to list
the Verbaal traps in
his catalogues
if the Trap Co. will
make them more
accurately so they can
be set without tinkering
He thinks the prices should
be lowered materially.

We stopped at the
Hewe Caverns on our
way back to Albany
and went through the
caves. They are just
under ground channels
of streams, not very
large and with few
formations. Are cut
out of fossiliferous limestone
by water, have a lake
or torpid stream at
the bottom where
batrides are taken.
The air is damp & cold
41 as we passed the thermometer

No bats or any life
in the cave or water
that we could see or hear of.
The elevator takes us
down about 150 feet
to the lower end of the
cave.

The original opening is
on top of the hill a
mile way, and there
may be bats and
animal life in higher,
drier and warmer
parts of the cave.

Got back to Albany
at dark and spent
a pleasant night
with the Sanderson
family,

July 18, Albany to
Manchester, Vt.
Sanderson with his
daughter and little boy
took me around by
Saratoga and Glens Falls
to Manchester, Vt. by
a picturesque route
over the Green Mts.

At Glens Falls we
stopped and talked with
Mr. Frank B. ~~Higgin~~ who has
invented a good chain
loop trap with some
improvements over mine.

He is a skilful
mechanic and just the
man to manufacture
our traps and I hope
we can combine my
traps, his and the
Knap Trap with
all their best features
and put them out
a price below the
steel traps that
would take the same
animals.

At Manchester
we found Miss Chyhorn
and her aunt, Miss
Hawley and they
had arranged for
pleasant places for
me to stay.

Talked at the
Rotary club supper
of some 35 business
men of the town, using
one reel of movies
of Mukerath, raccoons
etc.

Mr. Bennett, secretary
Mr. Howard, president
Walter Hard, the poet
and others were there
and seemed much
interested.

Mr. Howard brought
his projector and screen
and ran the lantern.

With these men I crossed
the side of conservation
and humane features
of the traps.

July 19

Wareham is a beautiful place in the heart of the Green Mountains, probably the choice valley of the state. Famous people have lived and died here.

I luncheoned with the Fishers, Dorothy Campfield Fisher and her husband, and a few choice friends including my old friend Charles Pollard and Mrs. Broomell who visited us last winter at W—

In the evening I
gave a talk at the
Community House for
all who cared to come,
using two reels of
moving pictures.

All seemed interested
and the hall was filled
and many standing,
probably 200 in all.

Mr. Brown, the pastor
presided very graciously
and Miss Cligham
introduced me.

July 20

Have passed two very
pleasant nights at
Mr & Mrs Diamond's,
People of 80 but
greatly interested
in my traps and the
whole scheme of
kindness and conservation.

They are intelligent
people of meager means, so
typical of this part of the country
appreciate all that is beautiful
and best in nature and
human nature.

At 10:30 promptly
Miss Ruth Mayo, daughter
of the director of the
Kew Hather Home
for Homeless Children
at or near Westminster
called for me and drove
over the east range of the
Green Mts. to the home
in the Connecticut River
valley. A beautiful
drive all the way.
Found about 100 boys
7 to 14, on a big farm
having a wholesome farm
life.

After lunch gave
them a few minutes talk
on tin can traps.

and in evening a
talk a talk on better
traps and better trapping
with two reels of movies.
and a trap.

They wanted me to make
a noise so I gave a
wolf howl and a Coyote
yap, yap + ki yi yi yi—
Went to the woodchuck
traps of one of the boys

19¢ steel traps from
Montgomery Ward Co.
Made by the Animal Trap Co.
Gave him some
good advice and
promised to hurry up
a better kind of trap.

Next morning found
the boys making ten can
traps.

The hurricane of
last fall blew down the
best timber around here

July 21 - To Fletcher Farm

- A car from the Fletcher Farm called for me at 11 AM
- and took me to the farm between Proctorsville and Ludlow - a beautiful old place now used as a resort for artists, actors, writers and the people attracted by literature drama and art.
- A more picturesque region would be hard to find and it ought to be a favorite summer and winter resort.

Talked to about 100
people at the theater in
the old barn with two reels
of moving pictures and my
traps. All seemed much
interested, and said many
nice things about the traps,
both at the meeting &
after at the camp meals.
Mr. Suley in charge
of the farm house was
very cordial in his hospitality
and sent a car to get me
and to take me to the
next place.

July 22 To Camp Billings

Mr. Suley sent his car to take me to camp Billings, about 60 miles north near Ely, a beautiful trip up the Connecticut River Valley. Found Camp Billings on a beautiful lake off from the main highway with pine and hardwood forested shores, a fine beach and perfect swimming. The YW girls have the camp for this month, about 90 of them and a lively bunch of juniors and seniors, about 12 to 20. Mr. Hurd in charge. They gave me a comfortable room in the Guest Cottage and my meals with the general mess.

Talked in the evening
in the assembly hall to
about 100, mostly girls, but
future fur wearers and
future forebearers.

There was no movie projector
available so I used my
lantern slides and they
seemed much appreciated.

The trap was of interest
to the girls as well as
to the few men present.
Many said nice things about
it and the idea of treating
animals decently.

July 23 From ~~Camp~~ Billings
to Eley, White River Junction
and Burlington by bus.
All interesting country
with beautiful views on all sides.
Cross across a state in 3 hours.
Good roads and skilful drivers.
Stopped at hotel next
door to Bus Terminal in
Burlington.

July 24, To North Hero, Vt.
and camp Abnaki in
morning.

Today's program
filled so I wait over
till tomorrow evening.

About 190 boys in
camp on shore of
island, fine morning,
good games & sports.

No naturalist or
nature study.

All town boys, 9 to
18. Staff of 28.

July 25 Abuaki

Lots of leisure.

Took a dozen boys on
a nature hike in P.M.
and started a nature
trail.

Went in swimming
in lake, perfect water.
Talked in evening in
Theater room to about
170 boys. few of
staff present.

Used Mouse traps
Coyotes, bobcats etc
in traps and one
of muskrats.
of raccoons, skunks
etc.

Considerable interest
shown.

Warm & Dry.

July 2nd, ~~to St. Platt~~
~~Plattsburg~~

+ Albany

Crossed Roosevelt
Ferry to Plattsburg
and took 12 M train
to Troy & Albany.

Arrived 5:30 and

Mr. Sanderson came for us.

A hot day, dry and
sunny.

July 27 - Albany to

South Hampton, Conn. & return

Drove down to the trap
factory of Maebli, Hart and
Miller, large trap works
near South Hampton and
talked with them.

Miller is the machinist and
knows how to make traps
and says my traps can be
much better made and much
cheaper.

Maebli says the steel traps
are not cruel anyway

Hart is a fine young man and
seemed interested, but said little.

Came back in steady rain
and ran into a collision just
ahead of us and knocked one

Car over the bank.

No serious damage and
no one hurt.

Got home late for supper

July 28, Albany to
North Creek via Laverne and
return via Glenns Falls.
Saw ^{H.} Thomas Miller at Laverne
who has been making killer
traps for 20 years and
good ones for mink,
Martin, skunks, possums,
cats and muskrats.
Has about 2000 on hand
and sells them at 25¢.
Is about 80 years old
but still active in mind
and body. Has done
much trapping and knows
how.

At North Creek we
visited a private zoo
but no one at home.

A small lake of 15 acres
in a 40 acre meadow
surrounded by aspens
is available for a beaver
experiment station and
place to keep beavers
that are doing damage.
It would support 200
beavers easily.

At ~~Plains~~ Falls we
stopped and talked traps
with Mr. Crippen, an
old fellow of 68 who
makes the best livehold
trap there is and is
much interested in saving
the animals pain.

His trap took second
prize this year in the
contest. He is a carpenter
about half the year and
a good machinist besides
inquisitor and skilful.

Had never seen my
trap but was enthusiastic
over it and said it

was the best he had ever
seen. He could make it
much better than at present
and at a cost of half what
we have paid.

Makes his own machinery
and tools and knows how
to use them. Is the
best man I've found
for turning out good
traps at a low price
and would like to do it.

I hope we can get
him to make mine, his
own and the Epp traps
and the Miller killer
trap or mine and
give them a fair test

among the hoppers.
by paying a small
royalty and little overhead
these traps can be sold
at 35 cents apiece
and leave him a fair
profit I believe.

He would like to do it.
Would need \$1,000 to start
with for tools and stock.

July 29, Left Albany
at 7:15 by train to Binghamton
and there at 2 PM for
Elmira and Mansfield

Picturesque hill and valley
country with many good
farms and many woods
ridges. Soil good in
valley bottoms.

Hay and grain, corn and
potatoes and apples good.
Lots of cattle and dairies.

Healthy, strong people,
generally prosperous.

Dr & Mrs Schlappi and Florence
met me at Elmira and we got
home in time for supper.

July 30 + 31 - Mansfield,
reading + writing letters
and making short trips
around.

Aug. 1-7, Mansfield

• Trip to Pennsylvania Grand
Canyon in Harrison State Park,
a beautiful wooded gulch.

• Building fireplace in
back yard.

• Drove (Aug 4) to Penn.

• Grand Canyon and char
around it in beautiful
Mountain country.

Mr. Armstrong was in
charge of meeting but
I was introduced by Mr.
Thom Lewis, Editor
of Louisville Courier Journal
and the president of F.F.V.,
William Earl Nathaniel.

and 3 real movies on
trapped animals.

Lecture arranged by
Miss Lucy Furman who
had many women's clubs
represented and has a good
exhibit of traps and animals.

Aug. 7, To York, Pa.

noon to 8 PM.

Stopped at Yorktown Hotel.

Aug. 8. Talked on Better

Traps and better Treatment
of Animals at ~~Rotary~~^{Rotary}
Club, at Yorktown

Hotel.

About 100 lions,
very pleasant and appreciative,
Presented me with a bronze
lion and \$15 to cover expenses.

The leading business men
of the city and environs.

Aug. 9 To Louisville, Ky.

- Arrived at 11 AM but
- the Kiwanis Club had
- secured another speaker for
- their meeting so I had
- time to help Miss Lucy Furman
- arrange her exhibit of
- traps and trapped animals
- two tables, one of steel traps
- and one of Verbaal Traps.
- with posters and pictures
- and publications for
- the Future Farmers of America
- convention tomorrow.

Aug. 10 Louisville, Ky.

Gave a talk to Future
Farmers of America,

1:15 at Hotel Kentucky
on traps and trapping
for better conservation
and better treatment
of animals.

Over 1000 F.F.V. boys
and many others,
probably 1700 in all.

Had a fine large

auditorium packed full
but with a good microphone
could reach them all.

After lecture started home
at 4:10 P.M. on Grayhound
bus for Williamsport, Pa.,
where Adolph H. F. met
me next night at 4:45 P.M.

Aug. 11. Daylight at
Pittsburg where I got
breakfast after a not
uncomfortable night
on bus.

Continued on Grayhound
to State College where
I took a Johnson Bus
to Williamsport.

Aug. 12, At Mansfield, Pa.
Wrote letters, had a fine
picnic in back yard
with new fireplace wt
just built! Roasted
corn & sweet potatoes,
broiled chicken and had
watermelons, fruit, & doughnuts.

Aug. 17. To Lyons Falls
Sr + Mrs. Schlappe drove
us to Elmira, Ithaca,
Rome and Lyons Falls,
Took possession of
Augustas cottage and
settled for luxurious
camp life.

Aug. 18, Lyons Falls

Found a beaver colony
below where the Big
Barn stood with a
good dam and 4 feet of
water above it.

Merriam and I went
in swimming and found
clean water and sandy bottom
Fresh cuttings and fresh
mud on dam and two
small aspen trees in
edge of pond.

A good beaver house on
east side of pond.

Aug. 23 - Lyons Falls

Sanderson with Mr. S.
and Ridford came up
from Albany, arriving
at 9 AM and we went
with them to Leroville,
and Cranberry Lake
and over to the Forest
Ranger School, then
north to Heath Pond
to sign it up for beaver.
It is an old beaver
lake of 100 acres with
marshy borders and

occurs of Aspens
all around. The
water could be raised
4 feet higher without
reaching any timber
and the lake would
carry 100 to 500
beavers permanently.

Could be fenced
below with 40 rods
of poultry fence
and 3 small streams
feeding it are all on
the land of the

International Pulp and
Paper Co.

Close to The Cranberry
Lake Highway and near
the Land of the Forest
Rangers School.

A small marsh on the
Rangers School land
would carry a dozen
beavers without any
damage to their plants.
Back to Lyons Falls -

Aug. 27, Sunday

Glorious weather, clear
and crisp.

Mr & Mrs DeAngelis
came to see Augusta,

He is the Utica lawyer
she wants as her attorney
to handle her interest in
the estate.

Sept. 12 Lyons Falls
to Stillwater with English
fisher, then packed in
from the lake to camp
on Evergreen Lake.
Then hiked north to
Brandy & Soda Lakes
and over to Marys Lake
where there are two
beaver houses.
Saw 3 beavers go out of
one house and one out
in lake. They are feeding
largely on striped maple
some soft maple & birch.

There are many good
Beaver lakes here and
few beavers, have been
mostly trapped out.

There are no aspens
or balsam poplar
but both could be
sown around the
lakes to advantage.

Also wild rice would
grow in all lakes
with shallow shores
and mud bottoms.

• Saw a few mallards,
one sawbill and 7 mallards

Saw many fox signs
and at Stillwater lake
some fresh coon tracks
Saw Otter sign at
Brandy Lake.

There are said to be a
few fisher here, and
a few mink.

The fishers have 3 camps
on Evergreen Lake.

No fish or beavers
in it but both
could be here.

Pure Canadian Jay,
hemlocks, white pine
balsam & spruce
mixed with maples,
yellow & black birch,
beech, alder,
witchhobble, Myrica, 2,
leatherleaf, Kalnia angustifolia,
cranberry, Spiza,
bunchberry, Wintergreen,
Hydrocotyle,

Sept. 13 Evergreen Lake.

Had a comfortable night
in Clarence Fisher's camp on
Evergreen Lake and a fine
view from the peak over
Beaver Flow, looking down
on a silvery fog.

Hiked with Eugene Fisher
to Wolf Pond, Huckleberry
Lake, Canyon Lake,
Diana Lake, and Bear
Lake + Bear Lake Camp.

Found a few beavers in
Canyon Lake &
Huckleberry Lake, probably
half a dozen in each.

With probably 7 or
8 in Marys Lake there
are probably 26 beavers
on the 6000 acres of the
Fisher's Wilderness
Lake preserve - sum.
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It is a wild unimproved
forest country with
about 20 lakes on it,
many gums of beauty -
full of wild life and
interesting features.

Returned to Lyons Falls late
at night.

Deer are abundant

• Bears are a few

Foxes abundant

• Otters a few

Mink

"

Fisher

"

• Muskrats " in Diana Lake.

Porcupines - com.

• Snowshoe rabbits, rare

Red squirrels com.

Chipmunks abs.

• Peromyscus "

Loons	heard
Blue herons	com.
Sabelhides	3
Mallards	7
Black duck	3
Grouse	a few
Bubo	4
Goshawk	1 & nest
Red tail	1
Pilated wiper,	com.
Hairy	1
Sapsucker	2
Blue jays	com
Canada Jay	a few
Chickadees	com.
Nuthatches	"

Sept. 19 To Albany, N.Y.

• with Augusta & Betty.

Went to Humane Soc. & found
Sanderson.

• Worked on titles of films
for copying so Humane
Society can have duplicates.

• Staid over night
with the Sandersons
after a long and busy day.
A heavy frost at Lyons
Falls in morning.

• Started at 6:30 AM.

and reached Albany at

• 9:30 (daylight saving).

Sept. 20 At Albany.

- Finished titles for films
- by noon and Sanderson
- drove up to Glen Falls
- to see Frank D. Crippen
- 36 Haviland Ave. who
- invented the Crippen trap.

A very inquisitive mechanic and experienced trapper.

- We hope to get him to make
- all kinds of humane traps.
- He is very skilled and
- very sympathetic with animals
- Would rather make traps
- Than anything else.

Sept. 21 - Albany

- Went to Conservation offices in Arcade Building and saw Henry Thal about beavers. He is in favor of doing something to start real beaver culture
- and took me in to Gardner Bump's office and introduced Earl Hanes, asst. Com.
- He too is interested in better management of beavers
- Gardner Bump was out so I did not see him.
- All seems favorable for next years beaver work.

Took 11:30 train for
Lyons Falls and arrived
at 2:30 PM. \$3.48

Washington D.C. 1939

Sept. 25,

Witch hazel in full flower
in Zoo. Tree leaves mostly
gone. A few freezing nights

Sept. 30 1939.

Packed up car drove
with Fanny and Helen Schlappe
to Mansfield, Pa.

Rained all day but
couldn't hide the glorious
autumn colors of the maples,
pin cherries, sumachs and
other vegetation.

The colors are more general
as we go southward and
most so as we get into

Pennsylvania.

Arrived in Mansfield
at 7:30 P.M.

Oct. 1, 1939, Mansfield

Cleared up in afternoon
~~and~~ we drove from
Mansfield to Williamsport
and the sun brought out
the gorgeously colored
foliage of maples, red,
yellow, pink and spotted,
golden hickories, yellow
birches, ^{willows} and ash,
scarlet sumachs,
dark red amelans,
all mixed in with light
and dark greens of
individual trees and often
a background of pines
and hemlocks.

The canyon and gulch
slopes were most
brilliant and varied,
forming pictures of
of brilliant and delicate
shades of color, blended
by the greatest artist
on earth, Nature.

I have never seen
the equal of this
picture of the ripening
year and would rather
see it than all the
worlds fairs ever staged.

Missed my train at
Williamspart by 2 minutes
and had to wait till
morning for a train to
Lancaster, so went
across the way to the
Park Hotel, a quaint old
time hotel with an air
of antiquity but comfortable
and reasonable prices.

Oct. 2 Williamsport
to Lancaster - hitity.

Rained all day.
Very little color in Valley.
fields still green.

Worked on traps
from 11 AM to 5 PM.

6 hours for me and about
3 hours for a helper.

All pans need corrections.

Died about 50 of the
154 on hand and ready
to go to Kentucky.

Oct. 13, to Washington

Met Florence at York

Pa. on train and
reached home 9:30

P.M. after nearly 3
months away.

Crows. At Lyons Falls, N.Y. from
Sept. 1 to *29. The crows are abundant,
160 to 300 feeding on chokeberries
and small ~~berries~~ ^{apples}, all they can eat
every day. Apples & pears are in
great abundance over fields and
orchards and chokeberries are loaded
with ripe fruit, hundreds of hundreds of them.
Crows still here Sept. 29.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher
Miss Sarah M. Clibborn
Walter Hard
Mr + Mrs ~~Campbell~~ ^{Diamond}
Manchester, Vt.

Mr + Mrs. W. Irving Mayo, Jr.
Westminster, Vt.
Keren Hatten home for Boys

Helen J. Seeley
Fletcher Farm, Roddsville, Vt.

Mr. A. C. Hurd, director
Camp Billings, Ely, Vt.

A. T. Morrill
Camp Abnaki,
North Hero Island, Vt.

Thomas H. Taylor - killer trap
Suzer, N.Y.

Frank D. Crippen, live traps
Glens Falls, N.Y.
36 Haviland Ave.

Ingals Fisher, Lyons Falls
N.Y.

Carolyn Sheldon Mrs. Don
Detroit, Mich.
2575 Cadillac Blvd.

Douglas R. Hayes
Washington, D.C.
1457, 31st St. NW

To Mansfield, Pa.
July 15 Ry. fare 5.00

Taxi, porter, Baggage 1.75

July 16, Bus to Albany 4.75

Meals 1.00

Porters .75,

1.75

July 17, Room 2. Meals 2.00

July 21 Candy purchase 1.30

July 23 Bus to Burlington 2.65

Room Burlington 1.00

July 24, Meals .35, Taxi .25 .60

Ry. to N. Hero .42, .42

July 26, Ferry 25, Lift .75 1.00

Meals .85

.85

July 28 Ry. to Birmingham 7.73

Meals .40, to China 1.42

Porters .25, .15, .25, .45

29.57

Washington D.C.

Dec. 3 Went with Mr. Shepherd, his boy Walter and Douglas Hayes to Mr. Shepherd's farm, 25 miles up the Potomac from W. and 5 miles west of Poolesville, where he has 900 acres of land next to the canal for about a mile & a half, mostly rich bottomland. Raises turkeys, sheep, and cattle. Wants to raise elk and beaver.

Has too many foxes.

Set 15 fox traps and camped in his camp house. The rest went back.

Dec. 4, Caught only
a dog, a cat & a skunk.
Saw a big red fox twice
in the pasture near camp.
Set 4 more traps.
Cold & windy. A little frost.

Dec. 5, Caught the same
dog near camp & a skunk.
Saw the fox again.

Dec. 6,

Caught a skunk,
2 prairie dogs, a fox squirrel
+ a turkey buzzard.

Also 2 Peromyscus in
traps set for red backed
mice.

Saw the red fox
in morning near camp.
Caught a little fur from
a muskrat in kill trap.

Dec. 7.

Caught nothing,
Cold, Caval frozen over.

Dec. 8.

Caught a red fox and
a small dog nearby.

Caught a big possum
Someone stole a trap with
skunk in it.

Dec. 9

Caught a Turkey buzzard
and the same dog
a second time.

Dec. 10 Sunday.

Caught a red fox and
a sheep, Not hurt.
Got home after dark.